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REPRESENTATIVE URBAN TO ADDRESS NATIONAL LEGISLATORS' CONFERENCE



On Saturday, October 29, State Representative Diana Urban, R-North Stonington, will address The National Caucus Of Environmental Legislators' (NCEL) national conference in Washington, DC.

NCEL is a non-partisan group of state legislators who are committed to environmental protection. NCEL has over 350 participants representing all 50 states. Participants network via email and face-to-face meeting to share innovative ideas and strategies on how to better protect the environment. Participation in the Caucus is by invitation only.

The forum will provide legislators a chance to discuss legislation approved in various states to benefit the environment and strategies that proved successful in the passage of these laws. New laws passed in various states that will be discussed include the banning of toxic chemicals, specifically PBDE (polybrominated diphenyl ethers), in various commercial products.

Rep. Urban, an economist, will address the conference on addressing environmental issues from an economic perspective.

"It has been my mission to point out the positive economic benefits of protecting the environment," said Rep. Urban, who serves as a member of the Legislature's Environment Committee. "Oftentimes we only hear of benefits of using certain chemicals like PBDE and not the costs. It is essential to focus on long run results in making legislative decisions about our environment. I am so pleased to be able to share my message with NCEL, as well as bring back information on environmental initiatives passed in other states to our own Legislature."